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To his much Honoured Cousin, Mr JOHN GREAVES.

My worthy good Coufin,



Aving thus transplanted this little Leane-too, from the calmnesse of my private Nursery into the bleak

and open Champion; and not knowing how much it there may suffer by the stormie Gusts of censure without some Extraordinarie stake supporting it, I thus betake me to your owne good selfe for protection, and if you please to passe it A 2 under

under the value of your Name, misdoubt not the successe, and shall with much cheerfulnesse intercept all further opportunities of acknowledging my selfe,

Your most

Affectionate Coufin,

To Love & Honour you,

G: T.





To the Reader.

Be premised,

Hat the following difcourse issues not from any pruriginous desire of being seene upon the shop-board, neither is it

taken up by retaile and upon trust, the fault of many Modern Poems, nor yet rushed into without being consulted, and the second thoughts of such as suffered in it; but the contemplation of an unfortunate journy, discovers here what were the Scruples that all along so sore-

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ly wrung our feet, lest After-ages might unhappily wander into the same gravilie way; which briefe account being porch enough to such a little building, let him now enter and take possession of what is freely presented him by his affectionate Intelligencer.

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militarie discourses to direct in the point, that I have here the rather dissected our unfortunate Voyage Anno 1625, so properly by-named the Cales passion, or the Miss-taking of Cales, and thus discovered

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it, that posterity might hereafter sbun the Rocks upon which wee suffered shipwrack: not longer to deferr which important admonition, when upon the ferious casting up of our old reckonings, much dalliance and dissimulation was still found upon the Spanish tally uncut out; and beeing hopeleffe of any reparation of amends, unlesse it were exacted by the fword: To this end were all our yrons presently put into the fire; but who shall consider the Levies, Ammunition, Shipping, and feafon of imployment, will rather reckon the defigne for a Pillar of smoake then of Marble. Levies I say were made both in City and Country, but of fuch inferiour probability to the worke, that some though weake and impotent, were yet taken on meerly by conspiracy, and with a let us kill them, that the inheritance may be ours; some againe so course and fligmaticall, even from the nipper of Bungs to the pricker of Pranices, that Mr. Cunftable was rather Mr. Scavenger fince this farming all the beaftly nookes

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and corners of them both; and then some againe (with impropriety enough) were imprested meerly for expedition; those imployed in it, had their farmes to visit, or their oxen to try, and hudling up the number in List, regarded not the perfons in poll; such I say were many of those Argonauts which must yet fetch home the Golden Fleece, and that either a Boult or a Shaft might be made of the businesse, conducted thus into the West with much expectation, where through a lingering Vacancy of severall Months, without either requisite Officers or Accommodation, there succeeded much diforder; and at Lorick in Cornewal fo flat a Mutinie that Fower of the Delinquents were condemned, and cast Lots for the Gallowes: by which Punishment with a fevere Proclamation backing it, there enfued a temper, their Fury being reduced into the former Chanell of Obedience; and then in this faire deport at length were they handed over to some of our Redemanded Netherlanders for their better disciplining,

an importunate (I had almost said) an impossible circumstance; neither can any trade be perfected without the Tools, if Ammunition be wanting all our doublings are but Dances, and never before did Mars exercife so long upon the Truncheon, never were the postures so long flubber'd up by the Plimouth Cloake. It was farr in Seprember ere the Magazins were open, the first of October wee took Shipping, and I referr it over, whether the mediate time could reach to more then a Tumultuary Discipline: were they formerly taught by their Provisionall Officers; yet (if approving all these of fit abilitie) where were the Materials? where Armes? the word drilling does well distinguish of what they might attaine to, for though some will ignorantly take this at large, it imports no more then variis motibus cursitare, but the Skill of distances, of Motions, but the parcell of a tacticke, and if we should yeild them this upon the Cudgell, yet where was the Pike, where the Musket that should embolden Tom Tyro? then againe they might perhaps

haps borrow some few Armes of the Country, and this is the utmost that may be wrested in answer to which if we should grat a disjunctive, a fingle use of their arms, yet is it much inferiour to that in groffe, and so little did our Musketeers know to fire, advancing, retreating, or to Skirmish in flank, that whereas our Retreit before Cales was furthered by many blinds, and the broken fite of the place, had it been to make in Campania, we may presuppose how much we had been puz'led, and even a very difmall Catastrophie. As next to which, and still as ominous, the busineffedrawing out fo farr in length, and full of prejudice to the Counties of Devon and Cornwall, they became remisse in the Guard of their croffe-waies and passes, whereby many fufficient Men left the service : and with such connivency that Maugre any freshelt pursuit, I never heard of any one intercepted. To conclude this point, some as but Lievres Morrionez were dismissed of necessitie, other-some had the opportunitie to dismissethemselves, and thus had our B 2 designe defigne both a blow and a counterbuff.

Concerning the Navy joyntly Engaged, though formidable enough in Bulke, even of eighty four Saile besids Hollanders, whereoftwelve of the Kings, yet through a tedious trat of time, and ere the Member; of our Imployment could be knit into a Body, they began already fo to fall from their feet, that when homeward bound, and beating to and againe, in the heights of 36 and thirty feaven degrees the half, for the Plate Fleet, our flaxen Wings booted little in respect of our Leaden Heeles, our Ships being indeed farr fitter for the* kreen then the chace: or what if I should retract in this point, yeelding that they were yare enough of Saile, and could full fungly Plow up the brinie billowes, yet how bootleffe is it to fhew the teeth, when alas they cannot bite; for thus had we come to Buckle, to dispute it in Fire, our New-Castle Men which were above forty in Number (and I affure my selfe neither to be last nor least exposed)must have gone more roundly then really to worke, fince I could

* To be trimb'd or made cleane, of Carina the Ke:le of the flup.

I could never hear that they had either crossebarr shot or langerell. Nay there still were other symptoms enfeebling fore our Floting Body, the Viures, the Belly Timber being likewise so notorious, that our Newland Fish was become rustie, much of our Beere lo necessarily staved for stinking that some were as soone put to Beverage as to Sea, the Husbands of the Fleet being much imprecated for it, and the Souldiers often upbraiding their Generallissimo for Sr. James Beverage; our Cheese was such, that, though amongst Souldiers and Sea Stomacks, it is not yet disgested; much of the Butter might have been mistaken for Castle Sope, and ere it came at the mouth gave the stomac enough at the Nose; but our victualler being thus shroudly mired, and plunging now as he thinks into fairer way, exclames here with a troubled Voice : yet what can be objected against the Beefe, Porke, Ling, Peafe, Rice, and Poore-John? for the first of which, though I should warrant it in qualitie, yet dare I be bold both concerning

concerning it and our Porke, that they failed much in quantitie; no Ship Husband or flaughter man but is prone enough to licke his owne fingers, a Surloine or a double Ribb well befits his owne Table, then againe his Gossip must not lose her longing, so that much being fraudulently decorted, though the prescript pieces were payed, yet there wanted the Pounds: The Kings allowance was indeed Royall, but our Purviers, Butchers, and Pursers are as many bushes, and extorting every one his Locke, leave but a thin fleece; Concerning Rice, I spare not roundly to complaine, that for our owne Ship, either little was laied in, or much embezel'd, tis a near Commoditie, and so susceptible of cleanly conveyance, that wee were admitted it but thrice during the 9 weeks voyage; halfe our propertion of Peale also, as submitting to the like legerdemane, was long deteined from us : and then for Ling, our Seamen were of fuch privitie with the hold, that they put the pack upon us, had a double portion; only Poor-John deserves a better

a better Title, and indeed to bee Sir John, for this did us Knights service, till by becoming a continuall buth in every gapp, we had it at length, ufque Fourthly, there is a Time ad naufeam. also when Kings goe forth to Battaile; which the Text specifies to be when " Sam, 15.1. the Yeare is expired, and the Scholiast expounds to be the beginning of the Yeare, the Spring-time; for thus will some derive Lent à Lentando, of its supplying and tempering the Weather from Asperitie; so likewise Aprill ab speriendo, as letting out the World againe to that Activitie which the Rigid Winter had so much obstructed. Now whether our Scene of Action were feafonably laid is likewise so Remarkable, that heedlesse of this wholesome Principle, and thus to time it, nay prefumptuoufly ftriving, even beyond Xerxes, to shackle the maine Ocean with a Ponderous Fleet, and full of ominous necessities; we were commanded Aboard in the beginning of October, but how miserably bandied up

and downe amongst the Billowes of a Winter Sea, will ere long be the dolefull Subject of my Discourse. I should be doing now with Lievtenant Littleworth and his Captaine also for there went but a paire of sheers between them) and relate how stiffy they will maintaine, that writing, Reading, and Souldiership comes by Nature, that whatfoever some old Motheaten Inkehorne Men have delivered, yet both Mars and Mercury may be made of any piece of Timber, without exception; a Court Paradox, and reflecting much also upon our present Imployment, but enough of the premises (I had almost said the portents) and these being throughly weighed, though like the man in the Horne wee went boldly and branchingly in at the great end, no marvell though we came out againe at the tip both squeased, and miserable.

I come now to the part Historicall, the Voyage it selfe, for after a tedious demurrer of neer three Months, Sr. Edward Cecill (both Admirall of the Fleet and al-

also Lievtenant Generall, and Lord Marshall of the Land Forces) came upon the 3 of September to Phymouth; so piecing us up with severall requisites, that at the Kings descent soon after, Sr. Samuell Argoll, who had been Imployed with eight and Twenty Saile against the Dunkerkers, prefented him nine of their Ships as prize; and our little Army was with fuch Approbation drawne into Battalia upon Roober Downe, that he there gave the Order to severall Captaines, Sr. John Gibson, Sr. Sheffield Clapbam, Sr. Henry Sprey, Sr. Thomas Thornax, Sr. William Courtney, and Sr. James Scot, being made so upon the place, but this glimps of jollitie was quickly faded; for though our expedition had hitherto most unnaturally been long and lazie, we were now againe full of Court Confidence; and with more hast then good speed, hurried soon after Aboard, falling through Cat-water into the Sound. and so to Falmouth, where my Lord of Effex in the Swift Jure expected us : of his Squadron, October the 9th we wethered the

the Lyfard, there meeting the Ann-Royall our Admirall, with the rest of the Fleet, only the Lyon our Rere-Admirall having forung a Leake, was dismissed back to Plymouth, the Saint George (in which Sr. Mir chael Geere Commanded) supplying the place. Being thus United and running by an East South East Winde, the Flagg of Counfell was foon after hung out in the Admirals shrowds, Commanding our Sea Captaines Aboard for Orders; after which again, our own received a letter also from my Lord of Effex, with direction not to be opened, but when accidently diffe. vered from the Fleet. Vpon Wednesday at Night the Wind came more large, but withall so Boisterous, that we were Twenty eight houres in continuall Tempest, the different Events whereof, and how cruelly we were Laboured in it, (that I might with some Variety refresh the Reader) is thus discovered in the Poem following.

The Tempest.

The Tempest.

THe Generall Hemispheare was thick, was all In miz'ling ash-colour, when streight a shole Of ominous Pork-pifces drove through the Fleet, And the fierce Ruffin Boreas fwore it meet Each Saile Should Strike, owning th' Atlanticke maine For his in Soveraignty; then iffu'd raine, The Wind grew boifterous, Sea began to youre Like a lugg'd Monster, to disclose a soure Outragious Surface; and where other nights The Mantling Billow Shone but Chrisolit's, But Floting Spangs and Tapers; now we past The fellest Pikes, and as an Army wast About us quarter'd were, our General Ken Was miserably fir'd: the freefull Brine Vpon a I boufand Mountaines far and neare

Like Burning Beacons hung; and every where So much Combaftion, That Benevolent

AA Sea nymph (a) Cymodoce for very anguish rent fo named à

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Her Sea-green Haire, nor any (b) Phoce wild,

b Sea-calues c A Creature living indifferently either

No Savageft (c) Amphibium, but impell d

at Sea or Land d A Horrible Fift Enemie

With horror fled ashore; No Ranting Whale, No Formidable (d) Orke, or other fell

fo named ab

to the Whale (e) Phyontides, but in the thus enrag'd

orcadibus infulis Minfheu

And croffely tugging Eddies, difing og'd;

Enemies.

Nor Fought each other more, but for for dread

e Such Creatures as are Naturally

Into the bottom owfe. O who may read

What Hideous Bedlamrie, what Worlds of wee

When Billow beaten, to the deep belome

Wee tumbled were, and then againe so soone

f The place where a Ship Sailesor rides

So bigh, as if the same (f) Birth with the Moone

To have, or Glorious Argoe. But observe

In Earthquakes how the strongest Buildings swerve,

g The Sea terine for reeling and fwaying up and

downe.

Totter, cast Firebrands, and alltheir loofe Vtenfils round promiscuously; loe thus

Did our Poore Fleet fo (g) feel on, that throng bont

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The Decks all stowage, with our selves to boot From fide to fide in medly flow ; and even Sowasthegreat Ann-Royall likewife driven Amid the Franticke Waves, to roule and reele, And to fe and tumble up her mighty Keele, That in the burlie, two of her fonore And Brazen Bandogs, maugre any flore Of Pitchy cordage, ominoufly broke At randome out; and but with mutuall shock Porfing each other, like the Vipers young Turn'dinto Paricid's, had fplit her ftrong And Masy Ribs. Nor could the rest but mourn As bideous outrages, our Long-Boates torne From their bigg Hawsers, rudely bandied were By VV aves and Monsters; for the (i) Catches there Some could like Seamens make a Shift to live In this Combustion, other some declive And broken waies not brooking, overwrong bt And fadly swallow'd were. Our (k) Prams, distrang ht, a Ship-Boar,

b The Ropes they were towed with, perhaps from Haurio, or elle rather named halfers from Halen, in Dutch to draw. i Little Veffels attending as Pages upon greater, perhaps fo marmed because better making ule of any Wind, and catching it to We borrow this of the Dutch, where it imports as much as/capba a canowe, but Cuff'd ufe it impro. perly for a Horleboat

Cuffed up and downe, and rack'd by feverall Seas

Both (1) fore and aft, were driven to lofe and leaze

1 The Seafore and after the maft.

phrase for be- Their lading with the wilder Hypotams.

Nay get more Fatall, opening all her feams, The Poore long Robert founder'dwas, gave or'e,

Sunke in the Weathers streffe; and now what more

taines were fwallowed in ber. n A ship is then in her trim, when having all requifites propertiona-ble to her burthen.

m Thele Cop. Can(m) Fisher, Hacket, Gerling, but attend While the Sea yeelds her dead. That I transcend Expence of (n) trim and shipping, loe this Storme How grown, yet wrought a further, and the worme Of Conscience startl'd fo, that who while-ere With all bis canvascout, could snugly beare

oIn the Starboard language fals from his courfe.

Vp an ill boding course, now springs his (0) Luffe; Criesquilty Lord and pardon; Coates of Buffe, High temper'd Corflets, are to weake to Ward The worme of Conscience, and how Galiard Luxurio lately was, get now he lomes

To spring one's wind, not li full away.

His Saile clofe to the Board, now humbly throwes off Livia's haire, and his Corinn'as Ring

To leeward over, wifely Husbanding

The Tempest.

Oyle to his Lamp, now as the Righteons dye, Likewise will be, So borrid was and bigh This Spiritual (p) Furacane, that on his lees, Thoughted Baffianus for a time may Freeze And feeme to fettle, here he turnes againe Thick and bemudder'd, like the Furious maine Casting up Stones and dirt; his Faces boile Ppnow for Vent, making him perbrake vile (1) Prodigious fins. This was the forme, thus great, Thus ruthle ffe, double thus, nor to be beat Out but in many an houre ; the Weathers Corne Thus were we made, thus were we to 8 d and torne By the mad Billowes, and though Baal Repose And fleep supinely, or pursue his Foes, Or feriously be talking, nor discerne As has been dream'd, yet thus we likewife learne That God is Omnipresent, bas his way Even in the Whirlwind, in the furious Sea, In even the toughest Conscience; and how sure A Ionas in the Cradle of secure

p The fudden furious Tem. perts in the Indies are thus named.

q I was Informed of one among it us terrified with the Storme, that he Voluntarily confelled himfelie guilty of parricide,

Apoftacie

picious, if

there were ver a third light, this was held to be Hellen, and more fatall then ever; the firft two are now named Saint Nicolas and Saint Harmes.

The Tempest.

Apostacie be lulled, though even his Bed r This kind of Of the most curious Thiste Downe be made, ping by night Or that of Silver Swans ; yet if the bright among the Tackling is (r) Tyndaridæ Shall once each other Fight in French Furole, comming fingle it was Among the shrouds, and Hellen chasing thence faid to be Cafter and a Her Nobler Brothers, with malevolence dangerous Omen, when V'nkennels all the Winter Winds and Billowes, double, cafter and Pollux, the badge of Saint Mangre the softest lullabies and Pillowes; Pauls Ship , Allsthe 28.11 He nakes; and finds his Cradle now at last and very auf-Far worfethen that upon the topling Mast.

Ever in the whiches he in the jurious Sea. In countilisten chaft Conference, and hen face A Tongs in the Cradic of ferere Apofescie

A Nd now after these Passive expressions in Verle, I return again in the following Profe, to relate, that when upon Friday the fourteenth, the Winde became more favourable, admitting a fearch into our scattered condition, wee found but Twenty two of the Fleet together; our owne Ship (one of the best sailers) being continually Imploied abroad for their reduction, till Thursday the Twentieth, when we rallied again about the Southern cape, continuing our course till upon the mext Saturday we came before Ca'es, entring the Haven with such Reputation, and Incussion, that the Cicizens in a long File, and much affrighted were posting thence into the Continent. The Valiance of our old English, came (as it feems) now fresh againe in remembrance, and the flying Opinion was, that had we Troop'd up immediately to the City Ports, their own feare might have swaied much in their

their overthrow. Forthough a pacer of. ten declines the shower which a Galloper may overtake; yet Minuius alfo, if fitly timing it, knowes to win the day, when Fabius with his cunctation proves a loler. Howfoever my Lord Marshall, like an experienc'd Gamester, chose rather to goe in upon certainties, and had no doubt good Cards for what he did, though he let not everie one see his hand. We came I say into the Haven with a fresh briese, and all serenity, happy omens. My Lord of Essex and his Squadron had the Van, his Vice-Admirall and Rere-Admirall followed him, ours was the fourth Ship, where while I stood observing what might iffue, the Spaniard, at my Lords comming within distance, propounded to him in Fire, receiving againethe like answer, and still did the Swift-sure so beare in amongst them, that in the dispute she was fix times shot through; but her opposites, as fearing yet a further Ingagement, and the generall Stormesnow close to Windward, and coming on amaine, choic rather to

Cam.fol. 807.
At Cales action
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two dayes after they came
Into the Hayen crethey
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give way, and deferr at least what now they had but little possibilitie to divert. Three of their Gallies flying to St. Mary-Port, eight other, with about twelve Ships, through a narrow Channell to Port-Royall, when loe Minutius againe upon his close Pursuit might have stroke a Rich hand, and in all likelyhood cheap enough, weh the Vice-Admirall of Naples (a Ship by report of about eight and fifty Brasse Pieces) must needs acknowledge with me, fince by dravving much Water, Thee ran on ground while Thee ran away, and was thus fu-fasted for two daies together, but here Sr. Thomas Love (held a Leviathan for Marine abilities) hal'd us with a countermaund, injoyning wee should cast Anchor; to discourse the birth of vyhich prodigious Remora, vve had but one heat to take, neither could it last long, and all our Irons must be in the fire together. Concerning the Ships and Galleyes, there might bee novv much haft, yet afterwards as good speed, if they could faile over land, vvell and good they D 2 might

might take their course, otherwise they were locked up close at Port-Royall, and our owne fure enough. My Lord Mar-Shall a cording to this happy beginning might now rather fix upon some Land Service, and Improve himselfe by Mastering the Iland and City, which were indeed to full of diffidence, as by a sodaine engagement might be forced to despaire, and this againe would humble both at his Devotion: these discourses (I say) might perhaps beget this Procrastination, and our being here so jaded with an after Game; for when the fourth day following, Sr. Thomas intended their immediate seisure, advancing up to tow them out, and after him in Triumph, then arrow Channell was become so much obstructed with Bottomes purposely sunck in it, that what he could bring back was but a generall Imputation, of either palpable Negligence, or Ignorance. Not to dwell upon these meerly Water Works, but now proceed to what was mixt, and partly at Land; five of our Hollanders vvcre:

were this night imployed in the batterie of Pointall, a strong Obvious Fort with eight Brasse Pieces, halfe Cannon and Culverin, beating tightly, and point blank upon the Channell: and these vvere like. vvile feconded the next morning by as many Colliars to as little purpole; vvell might they Bark and Bellovv furioufly, but it vvas vvithout biting; nay vvhen our ovvn Squadron next, and the rest of the Fleet fuccessively Vomited their utmost Thunder, yet stood Pointall immoveable, and whether it were the toughnesse of the Pile, or that our Ship Batteries have a more fluid, a more yielding Center, vvhich with an indisposicion, a spissitude of the mediate Aire, might dull and vveaken Execution, or some other Originall to be discussed among the curious Criticks, Poyntall vvas directly shot-free, vve vvere but philliping a Rocke of Marble; yet having at length vvth our much prejudice Dismounted their Ordinance, even at the heavy loffe of Sr. John Bruse, Mr. George Raymond Captaine of the Great Saphire, Iome Soul-



diers in our ovvn Ship, as also diverse others, and the deare Rate of above four

Thousand great shot, we now this 23 being the Lords Day, vvent still more metteldly to vvorke. For my Lord Marshall had been formerly taught by his old * Martiall Master, that to fight such passionate Ambitious Papalins, doth rather Damaske then Dishonour, vvee vvere novv I say more Actingly fired; Sr. John Burroughs and his Regiment being Imploy'd on shore, to take it by Scalado. The Weather yvas novy Faire and Calme, and our Navie Rode about Pointall in a neer semicircle, circumstances admitting such intelligence, and infixing with fo much impression, that methinks I still see hovy fuch of our Long Boates as had Evaded the Tempestuous Bay of Biscay, vvere novv plying amaine toyvards the Fatall Fort: and vvhat Pity vvas it, that Men of fuch height, and daringnes, should so pre. cipitately run upon their Ruine: vvhen

not the Celebrated old Roman Braverie, but voould here have been interpoling

either

* Maurice Prince of Oracg.



either with their Panosaids, or other like Defensatives. Methinks I still see how Mr. Bromingham the Dukes Captaine, who had the point and was to steele it. how and with what Gallantrie he flood in the prow of his Boate, couragiously Waveing his Sword about his Head; nor this only, when Faireand further off, while all was whift and still, neither Man nor Musquetade stirring; but in the same threatning posture Engaged home amongst their thickest Volleys, even when the Fort like a many headed Hydra, plied him with such a storme of hisfing Lead, as what Massie Pillar but must needs suffer under it; and though he fell at length like a Glorious Starr, and was feemingly extinguished, yet will his height and Gallantrie never be forgotten. Concerning those Engaged with him in the same Bottome, one alone of them (to prevent the Harquebuse of his Active distance) could nimbly spring under the Castle Wall where it had leffe play, yet there likewise in **ftead**

stead of thelter met with his slaughter : the rest were in their mettle so melted down with Death and many Wounds, that we could still see the Boat, like an empty shell, beating upon the fatall strand, but not a man stirring; which being well observed by Sr John Burroughes, and how unhappilie spault the point had been through an over-heate, he cautiously declining to the left hand, Landed there the rest without disturbance, and with such approbation, that we of my Lords Regiment presently hudled after; so piecing with him, and consequently streightning the belieged, that though they were securely Walled, even Eleven paces thick, and with the toughest Stone, yet a Treaty instantly succeded, and then againe as sodaine a surrender, whereby we tooke up our Lodging this Night at the Signe of the Starr; fuller both of quiet and confidence. The next day being all Landed; our Defigne was farr higher, neither would we now goe lessethen very Cales it selfe, to which we must advance upon a surface of un-

even and broken ground, even of many little hils and holes, and so presupposing danger, that a Forlorne of some small dissever'd parties was imployed first to discoverit, our maine Groffe still following by degrees; by which circuit of Action, as some of our Enemies must needs be further recollected, other-some were still evading by us, and as it were from between our teeth into the Continent; till at length a Reformado of my own Company affectionately byting at fuch a bait, fo tendered it likewise to some commanded men next the Paffage, that they quit their polt, charging home in hope of booty : the cautious manage whereof had doubtleffe found responsible satisfaction, but as they fell up entire in a wedge, part of the Calizi. ans fled back to the City, others made as unrecoverably along the Passe, so that their purchase was only some few trifling pieces casually fallen from the run-awaies; however, thus was the City more expeditely surrounded in order to the further threats of War; but alas, we were now at the

the full of our profecution, so waining alwaies after, and far from any nearerapproaches, that leaving the two Collonels Burroughs and Bruce to make head before the Towne, we were immediately faces about, and marching up the Pass formerly specified, perhaps to seize the Bridge of Swaco, which joynes it upwardly with the Continent, perhaps to refresh our Troopes accommodated to very poorely, that for Eighty men, my land allowance was but Eight little Cheeses, and some few Biskets To proceed, great was the perill, theprejudice that followed it, for having marched like Knights arrant till towards Evening upon the deep fandy stony Causey, we came at length to the house of Bacchus, there taking up our quarters; and who shall consider the plenty of excellent wines, then and there stowed in Magazin, or the fwinish or disordinate abuse of them, will own this expression to be proper enough; for mine own particular, as not knowing vvhat danger might be lurking under fuch a precious baite I referred my thirk to the fatisfacti-

Satisfaction of such Oranges and Lemons as the neighbour trees imparted; but for many of the common fort, so palpable vvas their excesse, so wildly hooted out in ob-Areperous clamours, firings, and like whimficall diftempers, as beat up all the Rules of Discipline before it, seizing our Commanders with extraordinary amazement; neither vvas there other addresse novy left us but immediately to heaven, which my Lord Marshall like a true Christian Souldier as presently put in practice, by giving out God bleffe us for the Word. And what shall I further say, but that this tyght and little prayer did by an often repetition, and going continually the round, fo strangely stickle for us, as puzzel'd both the counsell and courage of our enemies, vvhereas had they found to time it, and but given us novy a Cammifado, vve must needs have run a very desperate Fortune. This tedious night of dread and danger being at length vvethered out, vve vveto novy to retreat againe, little dreaming of any reckoning to be paid for our drunken E 2 deluge

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lugestill we found a body of Spanishhorse attending upon our Reare, and exacting it with urmost cruelty, by the saughter of fuch as were left behind, either still and stupidly surset-seized, or else started aside and improvidently raking up and down for plunder: neither did this outragious Cavalrie thus give over, but still pursued us, though cautiouslie, and at such a distance as they might either take or leave at pleafure; till being jealous of such a neare malevolent observer, and at length haulting upon a neck of land, one way narrowed in by some comberous salt-pans, and broken marsh grounds, on the other side by the sea, and a massie steeple-like-building of severall stories, we here laid a party of Musqueteeres in Ambuscado, seeking thus againe to repay these bloudy Butchers in their owne coine: the trap was now I say fiely laid, we still retreating as before, and our enemies likewise insisted, securely jogging on through the narrow neck till very neere a costly sulphurous entertainement, when upon a Souldiers careleffe blowing his

his match aloft within the Tower, they fprung with much affright back againe, precipitately spurring away for fafety, and by a fudden husbanding this nicke of time, evaded to report howgreatly little scruples, when irregular and going falle, may dilappoint mighty projects; howfoever, though we thus failed in the maine, yet befell it hence upon the by, that we could now returne free from any captious supervisors, and quarter againe with our referve before the Towne. The next day (our former Brigade being left at the point to answer all Alarmes) an arrant we had up the Passe againe, the purport of it to seize a discovery of Long boats for our better accommodation when homeward bound; for now the Souldiers began generally to hitch and hummer after their return, looking so often and affectionately towards the Fleet, that in our march back we could evidently see7. Gallies of S. Mary-Port, now engaging with that good Ship of the Kings the S. Andrew; the weather was faire and calme, the Royall Vessell all alone, and thefe E 2

these creeping out like snakes in sunshine thus propounded to her in a storme of ball and powder, to which our honourable Countryman Sr John Watts (Commander there in chiefe) made likewise a seasonable replication; for though his opposites fell up to and again, with noise enough vapouring out their Ammunition, even when aloofe off, and to little purpose; this old and valiant Seaman, nothing moved with the chaffe of their vaine-glory, continued still in silence, his quu was not yet come; but having in the meane time travers'd all his peeces of furthest randome conveniently, and by this remissenesse whetted their Spanish arrogance into danger, he then powred in so fowre a broad fide upon their bravery, that enough, enough, or (perhaps too much) for market was done already; and they fuddenly pack'd up and home again, with as cold a welcome doubtleffe as our owne was likewise empty at our returne before the Towne: for the belly began here to bark fo loud for fustenance, and so with more noise, because the neare storehouse of our **Shipping**

Thipping mighe relieve us now at pleafure, that hither did vve refer our selves, here did we mediate with the fighs of our Souldiers for reliefe; but this meeting with a deafe care, and succeeding not, our last refuge vvas either patience, or to value preposterous and unnaturall for very vvelcome and favory meat; my ovvn Company being likevvise so cleare in the point, that a supper of Afinegoes flesh vvrought their extraordinary contentation, with a nights rest so free from either invvard distempers, or any outward sallies, as better enabled us for our retreat the next morning. That I may decipher which knotty piece, it vvas conferr'd necessarilie upon my Lord of Effex, Sir Henry Poore Vifcount Valentia, and Sir Edward Har wood; the first of these vvas in his veriename here so formidable, that Hercules pillars fell at his arrivall into a Chaking ague, and but for Sir Thomas Loves unhappie interpole, he had no doubt out of the shipping alone return'd a confiderable victorie; the second hamor'd out his honour in the fad combuftions

bustions of Ireland, having his former va-lour there, written still and signally upon his forehead, in the midft whereof the full impression of a rigorous bullet was so deepely infix'd, as if Mars had purposely done it to set him fairer off; and never has any war (I except none what soever) afforded a more remakeable, a more glorious badge of honour. Concerning Sir Edward Harwood, I dare report him (even upon many yeares observation) though fweetly temper'd, and without noise in the house, yet so high and active in the field, so far beyond our outside practice, and studied even in the very learned points; and mysteries of his profession, that if perhaps he might have some equals, yet none of his contemporaries out-did him: and to speak much in little, this was the man whom that paragon of parts John late Lord Harrington felected from a world of others to be his bosome friend, and he likewise that having now the reere of all reeres, and disposing his shot in loose and little parties among the broken hils and blinds, did in

this posture detaine the enemy till our main Groffe was mostly ship'd againe; but after a long dispute, being now dangerously engaged, and much over-powred; some fresh commanded men from the bodies of our referve, not only fought the prevailing Enemie into ballance again, but soon after from his late gotten ground; and though the command was to retreat, yet our new supplies still dapperlie followed and fired upon them, till their Bandeliers coming at length to be recruited, here the day began to change upon us, and our raw engagers with their light matches, fo suddenly, and in severall places blew up our powder, that at the Huffe our Opposites apprehending it, were newly whetted into edge, and fell on againe as bitterlie as ever; now was the generall cry throughout the field powder, powder; in the Fort (where likewife my Lord Marsball, and some other Commanders were observing us) retreat retreat with Orders accordingly, and that the bringers up of our Reare should immediately follow our main Body already shipped:

ped; which confidering the present feare, was with spurs and wings so very passionately fulfilled, that being to passe my Pikes and Collours first aboard, as fraight enough for our little Ship-boat, yet did my Musquetteers so precipitatelie huddle in, furcharging and keeping it aground, that I was compell'd (wading the lea) to trim it againe with my Musketreft. Neither was it otherwise (as before is hinted) with our Souldiers at the point, and now engaged; for what with the scarcity of powder, and then the Calizians brisk and second charge, had not our Officers, with their rough browes and swords, conjur'd this pang of feare into a fense of honour, their heeles had possibly been much more nimble than their hands; a disafter so stiffie aimed by the pursuers, that through the broken ground they still beat all along upon our Reare: and about this time was it that for intelligence at the first hand, I now left my Musketteers haling themselves aboard, that I might help wheele up one of our Drake areare, to some already at the point; where

where I found our enemies so risen high in crest, that they were now advancing out of covert after us into an open Levell neare the sea-side; but then againe began our little Guns to play with fo much ter? rour and incussion, so fatally spattering in upon their violence, that they as suddenlie relented, and shrunke back, locking themfelves up againe in covert; and thus after a passionate dispute of neare foure houres, we wrought out the convenience (though with some loffe,) to quit Pointall, and ship our selves againe in safety: for now was all our hope among the briny Billowes, all our confidence in Neptunes Kingdome; a wild and open champion I confesse, yet where the feverall roades were full of pretious ware and sumptuous plunder; by these did Cortez heretofore transport his golden handmill of 3400 + castelanes; his . A Castelane famous golden Colverin, & infinite other is a Coine weighing a treasure; by these came the vast east Indie third part caract of 1000000 ducates taken by our Ducat. Levefon and Monjon; I, here the wealth, here the rarieties of the World are continu.

ally transient: a motive so considerable, that though some would rather urge for the taking of Dunshaul a rich city in the Madera Iland, yet our admirall and the Major voice declining it, our orders were rather to stand off to Sea amongst these considerable passes; and in the height of thirty fix and thirty seven the halfe, to bid on still for an honourable welcome home, fortune would perhaps be brought about with importunitie, either miniftring to us of the plate Fleet, or some such after-game from the spiceries, as with remarkable stakes might draw likewise an extraordinary reputation; or if the winds should againe spit their winter venome, tyrannously chasing us as before, Budgrave in the Streights was appointed us Southerlie to rally in, Northerly the Isles of Bayon. Nay, we had other stormes here also to weather out, a dangerous gust, a personal l clash, rising at this time between Viscount Valentia, and my Lord de la Ware Vice-Admirall to the Head Squadron, whose command being transferr'd upon the for-

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mer, and my Lord not digesting it, there ensued a peremptorie competition of two red fore-tops borne out, and pretending to the same place of honour for severall daies together; till at length a temper being found, and the Viscount made Admirall to the faid Squadron, with my Lord in his remitter, and continuing as before; we bore up unanimously to the heights premised, there beating to and againe for purchase, and to snap some of the Spanish golden Ingots. Neither was the Scene unfitly laid, since October the 31. we had three of their Ships in chase, and with fuch a neere capacitie, (as some will report) that had one of our Captaines kept his Luffe, when he bore roome and gave over, they happilie might have defraied all our charges: but to chew this a little, and distinguish whether it may be safely swallowed; let me here vouch the Ship in which my own Companie was mounted, one so yare of saile above others, that my Lord Admirall had formerly own'd, and imploy'd it as his Page; yet was our condition

dition now so sad and sober, that though the being in chase often started me from my Cabine 'twas all in vaine, we never could engage; many a faire course we had, where there was neither bush nor brier for the game to Tapish in, but still loft ground till we were at last run out of fight; an instance so roundly pointing out our indisposition, that doubtlesse he that runs may likewise read it, and which must needs also scatter the cloud of prejudice injuriouslie gathering over Captaine Osborne. Nay so now began our Navy to groane under severall disabilities, that the Rainbow, and some other of our Shipping, were the eighth of this November dismissed agains for England, we which were still behind (though likewise in our declination) persevering as before; neither could the jolting watry wildernesse yet awake us from our soft and filver dreames, the plate fleet was now indeed our ultimate errand, our immediate masterpiece; but without any piece of Plate finger'd, fave one of inferiour value,

and this at the drunken quarter beyond Cales. In conclusion, having for ten daies after been vainely tacking to and fro, and with much paine and patience hitherto weathered out the wrathfull Winter, our wants and weaknesses now at length became importunate, and at a Councell aboord the Admirall, both moved for an immediate returne, and joyfully carried it; yet as the fowre fauce to this sweet refection, so were we hurried back in the stresse of a mighty working sea, and even with such a witnesse, that part of our Fleet was beaten in at Bastable, part at Briftoll, some into Sylly, our English Seylla and Charybais in respect of the Bishop and his Chaplaines; into Falmouth, Plymouth, and Dartmouth some; the waves like wild horses had thus torne afunder and scattered the limbes of our Armado: that mighty bulke of our predominant Anne-royall was yet toft and tumbled into Ireland; Then concerning our Vice-Admirall the Swiftfure, the spent her fore-faile in the Tempest, split her Tillar, and yvas fo full of ficknesse, that an imprest of fresh men was imployed in bringing her from Falmouth about to Plymouth. The Constant Reformation, in which my Lord of Valentia commanded, spent her maine mast by the Cradle, yet far more unhappie was her name-fake the Mary-Constance, and even beyond comparison, as being wholly over-wrought in this boyling Tempest, and swallowed dovvne into the Sea; Captaine Hone, Captaine Shudborough, and some fevy others being hardly recovered from the Shrovvds. To come nearer home, and speake the bottome allotted that valiant Gentleman Captaine Richard Bowles the younger, my selfe, and our two Companies, though exteriorly it made as good vveather as many other of the Fleet, yet our dangers since intestine and neare the heart, vvere therefore more fatall; that fire which a Kettle of pitch accidentallie kindled in our Cook-roome may witnesse it; and though by Gods speciall providence this was againe opportunely smothered, yetthe Combustion betweene our Souldi-

fouldiers, and the feamen became unextinguishable, may sometimes so flaming hot as would needs have prompted in our piftols: The sea Captaine, though sufficiently scene in marine affaires, as having often Sayled between Temple Staires and Westminster, yet referred all to his Mr. (for this he was indeed) and fuch a roughhewn Palinure, as meerely (way'd by passion, madelittle or no bones of equity; a caveat against Captaine Syllie soule hereafter, and demanding those of more experience, better government; the want whereof, had like a continual dropping so dayly fretted out our patience, that being arived at Falmouth, I rather chose with Captain Bowles to land immediately at Penycome-quick, (though penilesse bench had been more proper for our empty purses) then thus to suffer further, to be longer thus imbroyled: and having once quitthe Sea, here perhaps opinion will heale us up againe, yet at length presupposing a sceane of extraordinary comfort and refreshment; but alas the while fo was death implaca-

ble, with fuch feud pursuing us from Sea to Shore, that the passing-bell was now daily groaning in our eares, and at Plymouth alone, the elder Captaine Bowles, Captaine Blage, Captaine Kirton, and Captaine Rice Skinner, with other Inferiours, were now deduced into their former duft, by which scantling we may likewise guesse at our sorrie condition elsewhere; only concerning my own Com-pany, I must with all humble thankfulness acknowledge, that God was pleafed peculiarly to shine upon it with the light of his countenance; neither had death but such a fingle conquest in it during our whole Voyage, as yet defeated not the Corps of an English grave : who shall object, that as a tatter'd Colours, fo likewise a shattered Companie is of greatest honour, yet there was never a more remarkable mercie, than when Ifrael conquered the Midianites without the loffe of any one Souldier; and an hazarding with fo much safety above others, must needs be an extraordinarie blessing. To close all with my peculiar :

culiar; though outwardlie I held up, and faire a while after, yet this forbearance wrought so little quittance, that severall diseases (hence contracted) laid at length such peremptorie setters of a warme bed, and a cautious diet upon me, that I was compell'd to retire; and in the following Stanzaes verse my selfe out of that profession, which I had been formerly vers'd in for many yeares together.



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Disloyall flosh and bloud, how has the Sun,

Both his direct and oblique hisching course,

Full often through the beavenly girdle run,

Since our so plighted love, that neught could force

Or puzzle it; and dost thou now deceive me?

Now at the quu, the clinke of honour leave me?

Our Mars in rust and cobwebs long decry'd,
Tetrants it now, and on the wings of Fame
Pitches bis Tent, does now in triumphride
On his high places; now to strinke? Be lame
And crassenow? When Medals double paies,
Pittorious Belts and Crowns shall others raise.

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Is thus the troth of Friends? but then againse
What Chimicall extraction, reach of Art
May flesh unweaken, and with such a traine
Of draw-backs does our Age it selfe impart;
Such Paulsies, Gowts, Cyaticks, and Catarrhs,
It has fles Action, Wars even with the Wars.

Submit we then; the Moone her empty Lap

Againe inlightens, and our Winter Trees

Have yet another rising of the Sap;

But Man when once declining, by degrees,

By fits, and peeces droope and dwindle must,

Till crush'd at length, and crumbi'd to bit dust.

The first Toosh that be d awes convinces bim Of past bu best, and not a Sinew Brain'd, Or Ligament, or Humour out of trim, But urges fo for Age, that laftly main'd In all his structure, warping in his ties, Sech Pro And severall naites, be druckens bense and dies,

Submit we then I fay, the Corflet quitting, For a resired fedentary course, cuil olle mingh Non not the Pike, the Pen is rather fitting 3 ... to soul!

Proverbe is, Duiter le plume pur dermir for le dura

* The French * The Feathers not the ground; ye broad of Mars On fill and thrive, whilether the topling fraires Of age, adviseand leadmets my Prayers, days I'T

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